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INGREDIENTS IN SOFT DRINKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of norms set by the Bureau of Indian Standards for manufacturing of soft drinks along with the details of banned ingredients for making such soft drinks;

(b) whether certain multinational companies have reportedly violated the said norms during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government against such companies during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has formulated Indian Standards on Carbonated Beverages, IS 2346: 1992 which specifies the requirements and methods of sampling and testing carbonated beverages. These include the following:

a) Types of Carbonated Beverages

b) List of ingredients that may be used

c) Hygienic conditions

d) Description of the product

e) Chemical and microbiological requirements

f) Requirements of packing

g) Requirements for marking/labelling

h) Sampling

Further, the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 indicate the ingredients permitted/not permitted in carbonated beverages.

(b) to (d): As per the information received from the State/UT Governments, the number of samples of soft drink analysed, number of violations made and the number of cases where prosecution has been launched under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is as under:

Year	No. of samples analysed	Violation Cases	Prosecution Launched
2011-12	201	9	9
2012-13	272	27	27
2013-14	257	11	8
2014-15	47	0	0

Regular surveillance, monitoring & sampling of food product are undertaken by State/UT Governments under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and rules & regu- lations made thereunder.

Random samples of food items are drawn by the State Food Safety Officers and sent to the laboratories recognised by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for analysis. In cases, where samples are found to be not conforming to the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder, penal action is initiated against the offenders.